

REMARKS

The prior Office Action has been received and carefully considered. Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 17, 21 and 22 are amended.

No new matter has been entered. Support may be found in the previously presented claims and in paragraphs 0052, 0096-0103 and 0135-0138 of the published application (US 2005/0182667), for example.

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in the present application are requested based on the following remarks.

The arguments and comments set forth in Applicant's prior July 20, 2009 Response are incorporated herein.

A. The Communications with Examiner Koppikar and Amendments to the Claims

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Vivek Koppikar including those communications during the week of September 21, 2009 in which the Examiner recommended the claims be further amended to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112.

In response to such communications, Applicant has amended the claims to further clarify the claimed invention.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims clearly distinguish over the applied art for at least the reasons set forth in the July 20, 2009 Response.

B. Conclusion

Favorable consideration of the claims and application is requested.

If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or if there are any other issues which may be resolved by

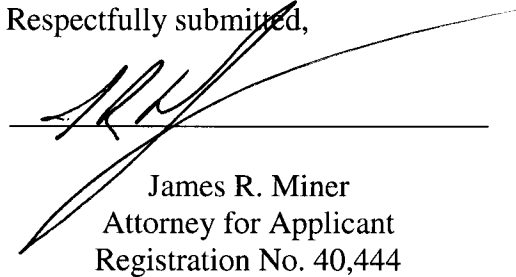
telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at **(703)714-7449** is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JRM', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and fluid.

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